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I want to register my support for the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust case.

The proposed settlement takes reasonable steps to address the underlying issue without crossing the boundry into the punitive actions that its opponents seem to want inforced.

As a observer of the situation it strikes me that many of the proponents of harsher terms have lost site of the fact that the settlement is intended to be a remedy, not a punishment. This seems to be driven by the fact that many of the financial backers of these groups are in fact competitors of Microsoft.

I for one, want to make sure that the settlement primarily addresses remedying any wrongs suffered by consumers (which I think are actually relativly few) as opposed to benefiting Microsoft's competitors, especially those competitors who operate outside the narrowly drafted "market" for Intel based operating systems.

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